

Proposed Bill No. 163

January Session, 2011

LCO No. 491

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING NONVIOLENT DRUG POSSESSION OFFENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That subsection (a) of section 21a-267 and subsection (c) of section
- 2 21a-279 of the general statutes be amended to make the penalty for the
- 3 possession of less than one ounce of a cannabis-type substance or the
- 4 possession of drug paraphernalia an infraction rather than a
- 5 misdemeanor.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a more rational drug policy by decriminalizing the possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and the possession of drug paraphernalia.